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CITY OF HALIFAX IS IN RUINS

GERMANS IN AIR RAID OVER ENGLISH SOIL

No Lives Reported Lost--Two Machines
Brought Down, Crews Captured

(By Associated Press)
London, Dec. 6.—Twenty-five air-planes raided England today. No lives were reported lost, though the bombs dropped started many fires that were brought under control before any serious damage was done. Of the 25 raiders, six were able to reach points directly over the city; two of the machines were brought down by the anti-air guns and the crews of three men in each were taken prisoners.

The raid today was the first that has occurred in over a month. The last by the German air forces was effected on the night of October 31. At that time eight were killed and twenty-two seriously wounded. Bad weather is said to have been the cause for the Germans to have ceased their series of raids over English soil for the period since Oct. 31 until today.

MEANS TAKES STAND IN OWN DEFENCE

Concord, N. H., Dec. 6.—Bastion B. Means took the stand in his own defense today and told the story of the death of Mrs. Maudie A. King, the wealthy widow for whose death he is charged with murder.

Mrs. King was reported to have been extremely wealthy with homes in

Chicago and New York. Means stated that he was employed by her as a business agent.

Means told the story of his acting as a German agent and declared that he was the one that reported to the government the German plot to restore Huerta to a dictatorship in Mexico. During his testimony, Means stated that he gathered this information in the employ of a private detective agency for a German client.

There will be a number from this city go to Newburyport on Saturday to witness the foot ball game between the U. S. S. Leonidas and the team from Camp Devens.

Read the Want Ads.

Hundreds of Lives Lost--Thousands Injured When American Steamer in Collision, Loaded With Munitions Explodes --City Now Burning and Beyond Control--Believe Troops Aboard Transports in the Harbor May Have Perished--All Communication Cut Off

PRES. WILSON MAY ACT IN R. R. OPERATION

(By Associated Press)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—President Wilson today took up with the Interstate Commerce Commission the recommendation for the operation of the railroads in the event that congress does not act in such a way as to permit their unification for the war emergency.

At a conference with Chairman Hall of the commerce, the President stated that he might make some recommendation on the subject to congress.

Read the Want Ads.

(By Associated Press)
Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6.—A section of Halifax is burning as the result of a collision between two steamers, one of them an American ship loaded with ammunition.

The force of the explosion affected the dynamo of telegraph companies, so the wire communication between Halifax and outside points are with out service.

The place where the explosion occurred is a suburb about three miles north of Halifax. It is situated on the west shore of the Bedford basin, a continuation of Halifax basin.

Hundreds of buildings have been destroyed and scores of lives have been lost. Certain sections of the city are now in flames and beyond control of the fire fighters.

Both crews of the ships that were in the collision were instantly killed.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 6.—Hundreds of persons have been killed and more than a thousand injured and the city is in flames. Half of the city is in ruins as the result of an explosion on a munition ship in the harbor today, the explosion resulting from a collision between two ships.

It is estimated that the property loss will mount well into the millions of dollars.

The north end of the city is now burning with terrific force and rapidly.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.—The loss of lives in the Halifax explosion is estimated at 50, according to a report received here. It is also understood that the number of injured is correspondingly large.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 6.—It was stated positively here that there were several transports in the Halifax harbor at the time the explosion occurred. Nothing as to their fate has been officially announced.

It is not known whether the transports were loaded with troops waiting to sail for the other side, or whether they carried only the regular crews. The following reports were received into this afternoon concerning the explosion:

Truro, N. S., Dec. 6.—Advices from Halifax received into this afternoon stated that the number of dead now numbered more than 300. The fact that the report was placed on the telegraph wires and was unsigned leaves some question as to its being official. The advices further state that the ship which collided with the munition laden steamer was a Red Cross liner.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 6.—The vessels collided shortly after 3.30 this morning. It is believed that the munition ship was struck near the stove hole.

The ship burst into flames instantly and shortly afterwards an explosion occurred. The crew was making an effort to bring out the fire fighting appliances.

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GERMAN FORCES TAKE 11,000 PRISONERS

New Offensive in Northern Italy Results
in Capture of Men and Guns

(By Associated Press)
Berlin, via London, Dec. 6.—More than 11,000 Italians have been captured in the new offensive along the northern Italian battle fronts, according to an official statement issued by the German war office today.

Several strong positions in the Melite region have been taken and are now being held by the Teutonic forces.

The German statement in conclusion states that more than sixty guns

have been taken in the new offensive.

Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK NOTES

The men at Fort Constitution were entertained last night by another successful Y. M. C. A. hutment program. A large gathering was present. The program included vocal selections by Mrs. Crosby; readings by Miss Agnes McIntire; fancy dancing by Miss Zyltha Woods.

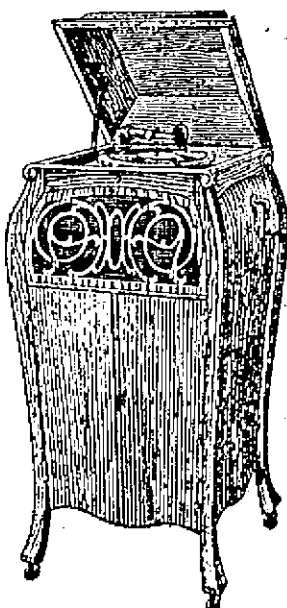
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| Exclusive Styles in Neckwear..... | 50c to \$15.00 |
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| Dolls from..... | 10c to \$5.00 |
| Games from..... | 10c to \$2.00 |
| Toys from..... | 10c to \$5.00 |
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NO WAR TAX ON RED CROSS BENEFIT

There will be no war tax on the tickets for the Red Cross benefit at the Colonial Theatre on Friday afternoon, as it has been ruled that wherever a Red Cross benefit is given no war tax will be assessed on the tickets. As all Red Cross benefits must be run under the direction of the Red Cross or by their selection, the government is assured that this will not be misinterpreted as it is an offense against the federal laws to use the Red Cross without the proper sanction.

The program that Manager Greeley of the Colonial Theatre has arranged for Friday afternoon should be pleasing to everybody. There is an exceptional fine vaudeville bill with three fine acts and as a feature picture he has secured the Paramount star House Peters in "Heir to the Ages" in addition there is the always up to date and ever interesting Pathé Weekly of current news in pictures and a Key-sible comedy.

It is hoped that the people of this city will make it their business to attend this benefit performance on Friday afternoon. It is being held all over the country and the entire gross receipts of the matinee goes to the Red Cross, half to the National Council and half to the local chapter. Spend a pleasant afternoon doing your bit.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED IN ACTION

General Pershing Reports List of Casualties on French Front.

Washington, Dec. 6.—General Pershing yesterday reported to the war department the names of two men killed in action, seven men severely wounded, and four slightly wounded.

The casualties occurred between November 12 and 17. General Pershing's message gave no details, but the men are believed to have been with units occupying front line trenches in France.

Those killed were:

Corporal Virgil G. Winebrenner, infantry, November 12. Father Andrew J. Winebrenner, Mayton, Ind.

Private Wojtalewicz, infantry, Nov. 12. Emergency address, Mrs. Sullie Wojtalewicz, Chicago.

Private John A. Viole, infantry, Nov. 14. Father Nicholas Viole, Reggio, Calabria, Italy.

Sergeant Harvey L. Haburne, infantry, Nov. 17. Father S. B. Haburne, Jamesville, Va.

Private Darwin P. Kragle, infantry, Nov. 17. Father J. W. Kragle, St. James, Mo.

Private Benjamin P. Love, infantry, Nov. 17. Mother Mrs. Ellen Allen, Brandenburg, Ky.

Private Paul Crabtree, infantry, Nov. 13. Mother Mrs. Mary Crabtree, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Private Andrew J. Hensley, infantry, Nov. 13. Father John Hensley, Raspberry, Ark.

Private Lester Ritchey, infantry, Nov. 15. Mother Mrs. John Ritchey, Salem, Ohio.

The slightly wounded were:

Corporal Gus Pardue, infantry, Nov. 13.

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15. Father W. R. Pardue, Mannon, New Boston, Ill.
Private David A. Saunders, infantry, Nov. 15. Friend, Frank Durand, Chicago.
Private Mary G. Duffondach, infantry, Nov. 17. Father Edward H. Duffondach, Huntingburg, Ind.
Corporal Harvey O. Hall, infantry, Nov. 13. Father Oscar F. Hall, Savannah, N. Y.

KITTERY

Kittery, Dec. 6.—At the meeting on Wednesday evening, of Piscataqua Chapter, No. 90, O. E. S., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Worthy Master, Holope Gedge; worthy patron, Arthur Seward; associate master, Evelyn Woods; secretary, Bertha Carrier; treasurer, Sadie Cross; conductress, Mae Watts; associate conductress, Lena Dismore.

The Red Cross Christmas boxes are to be sent away on Dec. 10. A box of knitted goods will be packed on Saturday next.

Mrs. Chester Spinyer and Mrs. Henry J. Jermore of Eliot were guests of friends in town on Wednesday.

Mrs. Howard Ames of Portsmouth, formerly of Kittery, is ill at the Portsmouth hospital.

J. Edgar Burnham was a recent visitor in Boston.

The weekly prayer meeting of the First M. E. church will be held at the home of Brother Irwin Wilson on Friday evening. The pastor will speak on "Obeying the Vision."

Mrs. Brown of Cattle's Hill, wife of Chief Carpenter's Mate, William Brown U. S. N., has returned from Baltimore where she was called by the serious illness of her mother. Mrs. Brown had been back here but a day when she received word of the death of a brother.

Mrs. William Pile of Otis avenue is ill.

Miss Emma Hammond of Eliot was the guest on Wednesday of Mrs. Charlotte Cottle.

Mrs. J. Edgar Burnham of Woodlawn avenue is at a hospital in Boston for treatment.

John Trefethen of York has taken employment in town.

The regular monthly business meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society will be held tonight at the vestry of the Second Christian church. Election of officers will take place.

Mrs. A. G. Fisher of South Eliot was a visitor in town on Wednesday afternoon.

Arthur Chesley of Government street was a recent visitor in South Berwick.

Clifford Williams of Echo street has been restricted to the house by illness.

John Grant of Main street was a recent visitor with relatives in Ipswich, Mass.

Regular meeting this evening of E. G. Parker Post tonight, and all Sons of Veterans interested in forming a camp are requested to be present.

RAILROAD NOTES

The employees of the shipbuilding plant are noted for the quick unloading of all freight set in on the trucks there for delivery. The record shows that more than twenty cars have been unloaded in a half day and that the management has not paid one dollar as demurrage since freight began to arrive in large lots.

Business on the Portsmouth and Dover branch of the Boston and Maine appears to be steadily increasing. This morning the first train from Dover carried 600 passengers from the Sayers station and made every stop on the branch but one.

Raymond Varrell, conductor on the Portsmouth Electric railway is getting the glad hand from car crows and people along the line. He recently joined the benedict army and is just back from his honeymoon.

The Boston and Maine is reporting the robbery of Still River station where several tickets and mileage tickets were stolen.

NEWCASTLE

New Castle, Dec. 6.—We genuinely wish that everyone in the Island town may be privileged to attend the entertainment under the auspices of Port Constitution Red Cross in Pythian Hall Friday evening at 7.45. There will be good music in abundance, vocal and instrumental, impersonations, readings, dancing.

Friday, Dec. 7, is the mystic date on which the theatrical world pays its tongue-tie tribute to patriotism.

Many of the enlisted men at the Fort are kindly giving their services in its behalf. The program presents an especially attractive aspect.

Mr. Ellerson White is restricted to his residence by a heavy cold.

Messrs. Healey and Claude Gilliam have returned from a gunning trip in Deerfield.

After a short visit with relatives, Miss Frances Kirling has returned to her home in Boston.

Mrs. Elias Tarkenton is recovering from a very severe cold.

Mr. Joseph White of Portland is the guest of relatives.

Mrs. Marion Martin of Greenland is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Clara Yeaton.

Miss Mercedes White has returned to her duties in Portland.

AMERICANS PUT UP GAME FIGHT WHEN CORNERED

Overpower German Guard With Barehand Attack and Make Escape.

With the British Army in France, Tuesday, Dec. 4, (BY the Associated Press)—The best of many exciting episodes related in connection with the combat fighting was that involving fifty American and Canadian engineers together with some British fighting troops. These men were cut off in the German turning movement near Couzequeurt, and were taken prisoners. A German escort of 20 soldiers or more started with them along the road leading from Couzequeurt to Cambrai. As they were proceeding, they were completely surrounded by the German prison cages, they came upon a small body of British troops who had also been cut off from their comrades and were wandering about.

The British soldiers immediately charged towards them. The Germans tried to drive their captives off towards La Vauquerie, but the prisoners hurled themselves upon their guards and struggled barehanded until the Germans arrived and disposed of the Germans. The engineers and their comrades took the German rifles and worked their way back with their resources until they were able to reach a point where they could join the British line.

A party of Americans and Canadians also had an exciting time in a motor tory which, coming unexpectedly upon six Germans holding the crossroads with machine guns charged at full speed, tank-line bowling over the surprised enemy and escaping down the road before the Germans recovered from their shock and fright.

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unity hand-made musings to the useful bungalow. Mrs. Oscar Clark, Mrs. A. A. Hall and Mrs. Granville Horry were in charge of the parcel post table. Packages from all parts of the United States were brought, being sent for that purpose by friends. The opening of these caused much fun. Mrs. Edward Standish and Mrs. Dugby were at the candy table. Mrs. Francis West, Mrs. George Lambert, Mrs. Emory Currier and Mrs. Stowe had charge of the cake and apportion table following is the program rendered:

Music, violin, piano and cornet, by Kittery Point Trio.

Recitation—Miss Elizabeth Cutts. Piano solo—Alfred Tobey.

Vocal solo—Mrs. Goodwin. Music—Violin, piano, cornet.

Duet—Mabel Standish, piano; Herman Keene, violin.

Piano solo, Scotch airs, "Ye Banks and Braes O' Bonnie Doon," and "Bonnie Dundee"—Alfred Tobey.

Recitation—Miss Elizabeth Cutts. Music—Trio.

Remarks by the Pastor, Rev. John A. Waterworth.

Song, America—By all.

The stockholders and members of the Free Baptist church are requested to meet on Monday evening, Dec. 10 to attend the annual meeting.

Mrs. George Kimball is entertaining friends from out of town for a few days.

The Ladies Aid of the First Christian church was pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Frank Getchell and Mrs. Charles Billings attended the meeting of the Eastern Star at Kittery last evening.

The W. C. T. U. was very pleasantly entertained by Mrs. Josephine Frisbey, this afternoon.

Mrs. Flora Wheeler of Hartford, Conn., formerly of this place, called on friends in town on Wednesday.

A rehearsal for the drama which will soon be presented by the Ladies Aid of the Baptist church will be held at the vestry this evening.

Miss Julia Duncan of Kittery was a visitor in town last evening.

NEW HAMPSHIRE COLLEGE NOTES

New Hampshire College, Durham, N. H., Dec. 6.—The annual three-day meeting of the members of the New Hampshire college extension service began here this morning with the arrival of the county agents, demonstrators and various other officials from all sections of the state. There was a general conference at Merrill hall this morning, following which came a series of committee meetings which have lasted the rest of the day. The committees include those on boys and girls' clubs, home decorations, cooperative buying and selling, farmers exchange and labor bureau, fruit, poultry and publications.

Today there will be a series of addresses at a general meeting, the first of which will be one delivered by President R. D. Hetzel of the college on the "Interest of the College in Extension work." He will be followed by Huntley N. Spaulding, food administrator for New Hampshire, who will talk about the Food Outlook for 1918. Roy D. Hunter, chairman N. H. livestock committee will discuss the "Livestock Situation." Former Governor C. M. Floyd, fuel administrator, will talk on the "Fuel Situation," and there will be a talk also by A. J. Hawes, Forester, States Relations service in the link which connects the state experiment stations and the federal department of agriculture.

In the afternoon following the weekly college convocation, there will be an address by C. E. Bussell on "Farmers' Cooperative Organizations." He is a specialist of national reputation on this subject. H. W. Selby, director of the market bureau of the Eastern States Agricultural and Industrial League will talk on "Plans for Organizing New England for Cooperative Buying and Selling."

In the evening there will be a reception by Director and Mrs. John C. Kendall which will be attended not only by the extension workers but by the members of the college faculty.

The third day will have as its feature the annual meeting of the Federated Farm Bureau associations which will be attended by all the presidents of the various farm bureau associations of the state. The delegates will have a group picture taken at noon and in the afternoon before hearing the reports of the committees, which will be the last event of the conference. Professor Newhall, specialist in boys' and girls' club work, now attached to the states relations service, will speak as will M. C. Wilson, county agent leader, whose topic will be "Farm Bureau Organizations."

WANTS SEPARATION FROM WIFE
Joseph J. Pitts of Harrison, Me., has entered divorce proceedings against his wife, Adana M. Pitts, who was formerly Miss Hatch, of Kittery. The husband claims intimacy with one Elmer O. Stuart. The case has been filed in superior court at Portland.

Farmers, mechanics, railroaders, laborers, rely on Dr. Thomas' Ecolle Oil. Plaster for cuts, burns, bruises. Should be kept in every home. 50c and 100c.

B. & M. IN NEED OF RATE ADVANCES

Burt Asks Raise in Fare Rates Abolition of 50 Trip and Workman's Tickets.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 6.—Substantial railroad fare increases were urged by General Passenger Agent, Charles M. Burt of the Boston and Maine railroad at a hearing before Interstate Commerce Commissioner George W. Anderson at the Federal building yesterday afternoon.

Seven suggestions were offered by Mr. Burt, who said that the future welfare and perhaps the very existence of the Boston and Maine depended largely upon their adoption. They were as follows:

An increase from 2 cents to 2 3/4 cents per mile in one way fares within the Boston zone.

An increase from 2 1/2 to 2 3/4 cents per mile in one way fares outside the Boston zone.

Increase in mileage from 2 1/4 to 2 1/2 cents per mile.

Fifty trip tickets, now two cents per mile should be abolished and 25 trip family tickets be issued instead. That party tickets be raised from 2 1/2 to 2 1/2 cents per mile.

A 25 cent increase in 12 and 35 trip tickets in the Boston zone.

Abolition of workman's tickets.

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BRADFORD SANE AT TIME OF CRIME

Laconia Man Accused of Murder of School Teacher Has Been at State Hospital

(By Associated Press)
Laconia, N. H., Dec. 5.—(Morris P. Bradford was sane on June 28 last when it is alleged that he killed Miss Alice B. Richards, head teacher at the New Hampshire School for Feeble Minded, is the opinion of Dr. C. F. Dolloff, superintendent of the New Hampshire Hospital for the Insane.

His opinion was received by Clerk of Court Edward C. Thompson here today. Bradford, who is alleged to have assaulted and killed Miss Richards at his camp on the lake front after inviting her and two other teachers there to take supper with him, pleaded through his counsel that he was not guilty through reason of insanity.

DOCUMENTARY STAMPS TAXES OF WAR TAX BILL IN EFFECT

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—Documentary stamp taxes of the war stamp tax bill went into effect today. Revenue stamps must be fixed to bonds of indemnity or indebtedness, capital stock issues, stock transfers, produce sales on exchanges, drafts, promissory notes, conveyances and deeds, customs house entries, steamship tickets, proxies assignments of power, and attorneys playing cards and parcel post packages. None are required on checks.

All stamps are sold by postoffices except those for stock transfers and produce sales which are distributed through revenue collectors. Millions of dollars in receipts are expected to reach the treasury from this source.

The taxes are similar to those imposed during the Spanish war and by the emergency revenue act of 1914. On capital stock transfers, from which the government expects to derive a large revenue, and which will fall heavily on stock exchanges, the tax is two cents for each \$100 or fraction of the face value. Stamps are to be affixed to the stock books, not to the certificate of sale or exchange. For produce sale on exchanges, the tax is two cents for \$100 of value of the merchandise covered by the agreement and stamps are to be affixed to the memorandum bill of sale. The law covers transfers or scratch sales and sales for future delivery. Bonds of indebtedness are taxed 5

cents for each \$100 of face value or fraction and renewals are taxed as new issues.

Indemnity and surety bonds are subject to a tax of 50 cents, or one per cent of the premium charged for the execution of the bond. Bonds or policies of reinsurance are exempt. A tax of five cents is levied on each original issue of certificates of stock, either on organization or reorganization, of face value of \$100 or fraction. To meet the practice in issue states of issuing stocks without face value.

For drafts or checks payable other than at sight or on demand, and for promissory notes and their renewal, the tax is two cents for each \$100 or fraction. This levy will lay a burden particularly on the banking business. Ordinary bank checks are not taxable.

Really conveyance and deeds are all taxed 50 cents where the value of the interest conveyed is between \$100 and \$500 and 50 cents for each additional \$500 or fraction. Deduction may be made of only a lien or encumbrance remaining on the property at the time of sale.

Before any parcel post package may be accepted by a postoffice it must bear in addition to the regular postage, revenue stamps amounting to one cent for each 25 cents postage or fraction.

The entry of goods at a customs house for consumption or warehousing is taxable 25 cents when the value is not more than \$1000; 50 cents when the value is between \$1000 and \$500, and \$1 when the value exceeds \$500. Passage tickets to trans-Atlantic, South American or other ports not in the United States, Canada or Mexico are taxed according to a sliding scale running from \$1 on tickets costing between \$10 and \$30 to \$5 for tickets costing more than \$60.

RAILROADS NOW UNDER A COMMISSION

Philadelphia, Dec. 5.—A committee of seven railroad officers representing all Atlantic ports from Boston to Norfolk, Va., as a war emergency measure today assumed control of the entire export traffic of eastern railroads. R. Van Ummerson, general freight agent of the Boston & Albany railroad, represents the port of Boston. The first meeting of the committee was held here today, and plans were outlined to place this "committee in charge" of all overseas traffic of eastern railroads, with the approval of the federal authorities. The committee will be known as the "export division general operating committee, eastern railroads."

Roads Represented
The railroads represented are the Boston & Albany, the New York Central, the Philadelphia & Reading, the Baltimore & Ohio, the Chesapeake & Ohio and the Norfolk & Western. In exercising control of overseas traffic, the committee will co-operate with the agents of the allied powers and the United States government in the effort to obtain best results in rail transportation of export freight. Particular attention will be devoted to keeping the facilities of the carriers employed to the best advantage and to relieve congestion.

DON'T WANT TO LOSE CITIZENSHIP

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 5.—Repeal of the law which makes an American woman who married an alien, an alien will be asked by Miss Jeannette Rankin, the only woman member of congress.

BRAZILIAN COMMISSION ARRIVES

(By Associated Press)
An Atlantic Sea Port, Dec. 5.—A Brazilian commission who will confer with the State and War Department on the war landed at this port today.

BOOTLEGGER CAPTURED

Frank Rochel was arrested Wednesday evening by Officer Anderson while engaged in passing liquor to an enlisted man. This is the first arrest for several weeks for bootlegging.

RELATES STORY OF KING'S ABDICATION

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 5.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Details, hitherto unpublished, concerning the abdication of King Constantine are contained in an interview published by the Berner Intelligenzblatt with an unnamed Greek personage, now resident in Switzerland.

This prominent Greek relates that he was with the then Premier Zalmis when the French Senator, Charles C. A. Jonnart submitted an ultimatum with the demand that he be presented to the king immediately. Zalmis slowly read through the document, but declared that he would not venture to show it to the king. The speaker however, urged its presentation and both men thereupon sought an audience with the king.

"Something serious?" asked King Constantine as soon as he saw the expression on the Premier's face.

"Very serious, Majesty," replied Zalmis.

"Give it to me," demanded the King, pointing to the document in the Premier's hand.

The King then began to read the document aloud, hesitating when he came to the word "abdication," but only for a moment. Then he continued reading quietly, clearly until the end. After a moment's hesitation he made up his mind.

"I shall do it," he declared, despite the Premier's suggestion that a meeting of the crown council should be summoned first. The King finally agreed to summon the council but announced that he had already decided that it would be best for Greece if he relinquished the crown. The council strongly opposed his projected abdication, but the King could not be moved from his determination to abdicate even though, according to the statesman, there was a strong majority in Greece against his leaving.

KAISERS NEW FRIENDS MAY BE EMBARRASSING

London, Dec. 5.—Kaiser Wilhelm has a delicate problem on his hands. It is to reconcile his dealings with the ultra-radical Russian Bolsheviks and his tacit recognition of such forces with non-recognition of even less radical Socialists in Germany.

Reports from Germany indicate the Kaiser's dilemma is acute. He is risking loss of his own prestige in negotiating with the "wild-eyed" Russian Socialists. It seems a foregone conclusion that the radical German Socialist wing, Ledebour's party, Haase's party and Liebknecht's party will demand more recognition from the German government when the government gets through lauding and applauding the Bolsheviks for the peace arrangements.

Petrograd dispatches today indicated some German troops on the Russian fronts have caught the infection of the Russian Socialist spirit.

At several places, it was reported, German officers drove off Russians who sought to fraternize. They were fearful lest close contact with Russian revolutionaries might effect demoralization of the German troops.

NORMAL SUGAR CONDITIONS PROMISED

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 5.—Prospects are bright for the return of the normal condition in sugar, according to Mr. James H. Post the Chairman of the American Refining Company. The crops of the East India will be available on January first and he predicted that the country would have normal sugar conditions by Feb. 1.

MA YADJUST BRITISH LINES

London, Dec. 5.—"Some adjustment of the British line," around Cambrai may be necessary," Gen. F. B. Maurice announced this afternoon, as a result of the Germans' small gain in that section. He described the south flank gain as most important because it menaced supplies.

necessary, we still will possess the Hindenburg line on a 10-mile front. "On the other hand the enemy may claim that his promptness in bringing up reserves definitely checked our advance."

Captures of Guns Balance
"For the first time since May, 1915, the Germans captured British guns at Cambrai," said the general.

"We captured 135 of the enemy's guns at Cambrai alone—therefore there is no reason for us to be ashamed at the balance."

"There is no doubt that Quartermaster-General Ludendorff planned and supervised the Cambrai attack. It was made simultaneously on both flanks and was followed by an attempt at penetration of the centre. Both the stroke at Bourlon and in the centre failed. To the south the Germans succeeded on account of the surprise nature of the attack, and broke our original line to a depth of 6000 yards, overrunning our guns."

Italian Crisis Over.
Of the Italian situation Maurice said "I see nothing to modify my opinion that the Italian crisis is over. I see no immediate indication of a big enemy attack and the advance is definitely checked."

Russian troops co-operated with the British in the Mesopotamian attacks," showing some are willing to fight," Maurice said.

URGENT NEEDS IN THE NAVY YARDS

Brooklyn, New York.	
7 Sailmakers	\$3.30—\$4.40
Charleston, South Carolina.	
7 Machinists, Milling Machine Operators	3.65—4.72
2 Machinists, Hand Planer	3.65—4.72
8 Machinists, Boring Mill Operators	3.65—4.72
2 Machinists, Lathes, Hands	3.65—4.72
25 Machinists, Lathes, Hands, Small Work	3.65—4.72
2 Machinists, Universal Grinder Operators	3.65—4.72
1 Sailmaker	3.12—4.16
222 Sewing Machine Operators, (female)	1.04—2.45
23 Shipbuilders	3.76—4.80
5 Shipbuilders	3.65—4.72
Norfolk, Virginia.	
3 Coppermiths	3.65—4.72
6 Machinists	3.65—4.72
20 Sailmakers	3.36—4.40
39 Shipbuilders (Layerout Boilermakers)	3.76—4.80
19 Shipbuilders (Blacksmiths)	3.65—4.72
Pensacola, Florida.	
1 Fabric Worker	2.64—3.52
1 Machinist, All around	3.65—4.72
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.	
1 Upholsterer	3.65—4.72
6 Drillers	2.72—3.76
4 Sailmakers	3.36—4.40
23 Shipbuilders (Layout Boilermakers)	3.76—4.80
Portland, New Hampshire.	
3 Anglesmiths	3.76—4.80
1 Chipper & Calker, Iron	3.28—4.32
4 Machinists (Large Machine Tool)	3.76—4.80
2 Shipbuilders	3.76—4.80
Washington, D. C.	
19 Blacksmiths	3.92—4.96
2 Canvas Workers	3.65—4.69
123 Machinists, all around	3.92—4.96

GERMAN SPY A BUTCHER BOY

(By Associated Press)
New York, Dec. 5.—Although he was a German subject, Eric Hoocker, a butcher boy possessed an air of such profound stupidity, that he was allowed to go and come into a fort, and it was not until army intelligent officers found valuable papers in his rooms and placed him under arrest, was it learned that he was an expert telegrapher and map maker.

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SUFFRAGETTES DAUGHTER IS MARRIED

(By Associated Press)
Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 5.—The former Miss Adele Constantine Mary Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, English suffragette leader, has been married to T. Walsh of Melbourne, an Irishman, a Socialist, and a member of the Seamen's Union. About two days after the wedding, Mrs. Walsh won a court case in which the decision saved her from a jail sentence of nine months imposed upon her by a lower court for leading demonstrations of women for cheaper food.

ENSWORTH IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

(By Associated Press)
Tokio, Dec. 5.—The American Association of Japan, affiliated with the American Asiatic Association of New York has elected H. A. Ensworth of Yokohama as president. The annual report showed the association has agitated for some special care of leprosy Americans in Yokohama, and elsewhere. Numbers of these unfortunate attracted by the fame of Japan's sulphur springs, come from Hawaii before their disease is markedly manifest.

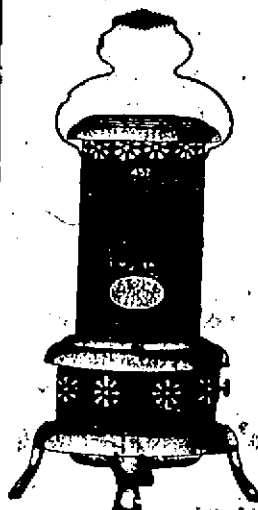
The Registrars of Voters who are holding sessions getting the check list ready for the municipal election say it is very quiet, and that the voters are very quiet.

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Portsmouth, N. H., Thursday, December 6, 1917.

Cliques and Classes in Politics.

An interesting, and what may prove to be a very important movement, is under way in the state of New York, where the farmers are organizing under the name of the Agricultural Federation of New York State. And this organization is for political purposes. Not that the farmers are seeking political office or attempting to control the politics of the state, but there are some things to which they feel they are entitled which they claim have been denied them in the past, and their plan is to come together and vote hereafter for their own interests. They will not ally themselves with any political party or faction, but will stand first, last and all the time for the interests of the farmers. Some of Governor Whitman's acts have been displeasing to the farmers of the state, who feel that he has been more indifferent to their interests than he should have been, and it is thus early announced that he will feel the weight of their influence next fall unless a reconciliation is brought about before that time.

Of the right of the farmers to take this action there can be no question, and under the conditions which prevail today there may be as little room to question its propriety. Organized labor has set the country a glowing example of standing solidly for the interests of a certain class of the people, and all are aware that "big business" has ways of looking after its own. None can dispute that it is as proper for the farmers to band together for their own protection as it is for any other class of citizens.

But all this sort of thing, no matter by whom practiced, and of which there is altogether too much, is contrary to the spirit of American institutions. In theory ours is a government by the people, but in practice it is too much a government by cliques or organizations working for the interest of classes rather than that of the masses. It would be better if all men would vote as plain American citizens rather than as workmen, farmers, miners or liquor dealers.

However, so long as this is the way so many Americans vote the fact that the farmers are planning to get together to compel a hearing is not to be wondered at. While legislation has done much for the farmers in many ways they have received less attention than more aggressive bodies, and, according to the news from New York state, they are now getting ready to assert themselves. What the result will be remains to be seen. It is certain that the farmers' vote solidified would mean much.

But the multiplication of cliques of voters is all wrong. A government of the people, by the people and for the people should be conducted by the people in their individual capacity, banded together in political parties only through devotion to certain broad principles, and never for the accomplishment of selfish ends. Whether this will ever be generally recognized it is impossible to tell, but, until it is, government in this country can never be all that it was designed to be and should be.

It is gratifying to know that the New Hampshire Sheep Breeders' Association is to do what it can toward reviving the sheep growing industry in this state. The natural conditions are here, including the best of markets, and more sheep should mean profit for the farmers and benefit to all other classes.

It has been decided that Christmas packages for soldiers and sailors in this country may be shipped as late as December 15. Let all who are to have a hand in the good work get busy and let the shipments attest that the boys are not forgotten at home.

There are now more than 25,000 soldiers at Camp Gordon in Georgia, a considerable number of whom went from Camp Devens in Massachusetts. New Hampshire is well represented among the troops that have gone south for the winter.

The price of pork, which recently took a drop, has bounded up again, salt pork selling for \$50 a barrel in Chicago. Huge purchases for the government are given as the cause.

It is given out that the 15,000,000 pounds of sugar soon to be received from Louisiana will go but a little way toward relieving the shortage. Some country, this.

In the interest of conservation President Wilson and his family had a very modest Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey weighed only forty pounds.

Secretary McAdoo says war expenses are considerably below the estimates. The estimates must have been very generous indeed.

Congress is again in session and prepared to give its attention to "billions" and other matters.

DECLARATION IS STILL IN THE HOUSE

(By Associated Press)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—With a formal report from the Foreign Affairs committee the resolution to declare war on Austria Hungary was today brought into the House of Representatives.

There were no dissenting votes on the declaration by the committee. At the request of Chairman Flood the House gave the measure a unanimous vote.

The declaration will be taken up tomorrow and it is expected that it will have passed the House before the adjournment tomorrow night.

BRITISH MAKE FURTHER ADVANCE

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 6.—The British have advanced their lines in the sector near La Vacquerie on the Cambrai front, according to an official statement issued by the British war office today.

On Tuesday night the British withdrew to the southwest of Bourlon Wood. The withdrawal, the statement adds, was accomplished without the Germans being aware of the fact until late yesterday.

HEAVY LOSSES ON ITALY'S FRONT

(By Associated Press)

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 6.—The furious enemy attacks on the Asiago plateau have resulted in the heavy loss of lives except on the northeast section of the front, says a statement issued today.

The loss of lives was less along the front near Monte Tondarecar where after a desperate struggle which lasted for some time and until the enemy withdrew to a more secure position.

Hand to hand fighting is reported from several sections of the front where the forces are said to have been massed in large numbers.

CREDITORS OF RUSSIA UNEASY

New York, Dec. 6.—What is to become of the millions upon millions of France's investments placed by France and the French people in Russian commercial and industrial enterprises, now that announcement has been made from Bolshevik sources that the foreign obligations of Russia would be repudiated under certain conditions? The question has been asked with increasing frequency in New York the last few days.

While it is extremely difficult to arrive at any definite information as to large individual French holdings in Russia, owing to the reluctance of bankers and French financiers to make any disclosures, it was learned today that in Russian railroads alone between \$12,000,000,000 and \$15,000,000,000 have been invested by the French.

The greater part of this enormous investment was made at a considerable period before the war, and it was made, it was declared, with the express understanding on the part of the French that the railroads in which the money was invested would be developed, not only in a commercial way, but with a special view to mobilization, not with any idea of aggression, but with a view to protection against just such a peril as presented itself when the Germans began the present war.

It is the problem of what is to become of these obligations on the part of Russia, as well as the vast amount of private investments, that makes the threat of the Bolshevik of grave moment to many Frenchmen in New York as well as abroad.

Russia is indebted, it is known, to the extent of billions of dollars to France and England, and also owes the United States many millions of dollars. A repudiation of these obligations would completely destroy her credit and leave her a bankrupt nation. France, even in the throes of the French revolution, did not repudiate her foreign obligations.

EAST ROCKINGHAM POMONA GRANGE MEETS

Exeter, Dec. 6.—The annual meeting of the East Rockingham Pomona grange was held here yesterday, the business meeting being held in Red Men's hall in the morning, when the following officers were chosen:

Master, Fred H. Philbrick of Newmarket; overseer, Henry W. Prescott of Kensington; lecturer, Mrs. Ruth Drake of Rye; steward, Augustine W. Neal of Newfields; assistant steward, James A. Tufts, Jr., of Exeter; chaplain, Rev. Wallace Stearns of Hampton; treasurer, Frank B. Brown of Hampton; secretary, Annie M. Perkins of Seabrook; gatekeeper, Halo James of Hampton; crier, Edith Philbrick of Newmarket; Pomona, Mrs. Everett Seavey of Rye; Flora, Amy B. Evans of Seabrook; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Lucy A. Peters of Exeter; plantist, Mrs. Mary A. White of East Kingston.

Memorial exercises were held for nine members or who have died during the past year, they being Mrs. Carrie E. Orne of Portsmouth, Chas. C. Smith of Newington, Emma H. Sinclair of Brentwood, Daniel Stately of Epping, Sidney E. Gale, Horace M. Philbrick and William D. Ingalls of East Kingston, Charles E. Tasker of Newmarket and Dr. Andrew Shorburne of Portsmouth. The exercises were conducted by the retiring chaplain, Rev. L. D. Bragg of Epping. Mrs. Lillian W. Rowe of Exeter sang.

Dinner was served at the noon hour at the Smith hall. The program for the afternoon consisted of discussions and minor business matters.

FRANCE LOSES SIX SHIPS

Paris, Dec. 6.—Losses of French ships by submarines for the week ending Dec. 1 are reported as follows: More than 1000 tons, two; less than 1000 tons, two; fishing vessels, two; two ships were attacked but were able to make good their escape.

EXETER

Exeter, Dec. 6.—Fishing through the ice for eels on the Swamscot river, which usually commences later in the season, is now in progress, the cold weather of last week having closed the river. The work was carried on by the means of boats before the river closed.

The regular meeting of the Peka-wauketts, Daughters of Pocahontas, was held Thursday evening at Red Men's hall. The program consisted of vocal solos by Miss Ruth Prescott and vocal and instrumental music by the members of the council. Dancing followed and a baked bean supper was served. Nominations of officers were in order, which will be elected at the next meeting on Dec. 18.

George W. Munsey, Jr., who was elected one of the aldermen at the Haverhill, Mass., election Tuesday, is a former Exeter boy, his father and brother now living here. He was at one time a law student here and also tutor for academy students.

Norman James has been secured to fill the temporary vacancy as instructor in mathematics at the Academy, caused by the absence of Daniel D. Chase, who has left Exeter for a time owing to ill health. Mr. James will fill in the remainder of the term. He is a Harvard '11 man. His home is in Ny-Artle, Conn.

GERMANS SHELL WOMEN CHILDREN AND INVALIDS

London, Dec. 6.—Further details regarding the sinking of the British steamship Apapa, which was torpedoed recently by an enemy submarine, with a loss of eighty passengers and members of the crew, say that the steamer with 160 passengers and a full complement of crew, was proceeding to Liverpool in a calm sea, at four o'clock in the morning, when she was struck by two torpedoes.

The shock was tremendous, and the passengers mostly women, children, and invalids were thrown from their bunks. There was no panic, although the vessel was going down rapidly. Passengers in the face of imminent peril, helped one another to obtain life belts, and then in orderly fashion fled out upon decks and into life boats, which were immediately lowered.

The work of transferring the women and children to the small boats was carried out without a hitch and with remarkable quickness. As the boats rowed away from the sinking liner, submarines, of which it is believed there were two, came to the surface and commenced to shell the open boats and despite the utmost efforts of the oarsmen to get out of range, some casualties occurred. Aid, however, soon was forthcoming and the survivors were rescued and landed.

A VICIOUS RUMOR.

Among the many absurd and vicious rumors put into circulation these days, probably through pro-German influences, is one that the United States proposes to confiscate money on deposit in banks. The absurdity of the statement is obvious on its face. These rumors are wholly without foundation and probably circulated for an evil purpose. The Government has no power to confiscate the money of depositors in banks.—From statement of Secretary McAdoo.

Pauline Lear is in Ipswich, Mass., today attending the funeral of her cousin, Elizabeth Nutter.



A COUPLE OF THOSE SNAPPY STYLES SHOWN BY

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YORK COUNTY CASES UP TO THE LAW COURT

Will Be Considered During the December Session at Augusta.

The law court of Maine which convenes at Augusta on Tuesday next, will consider the following cases on the York county docket:

Charles S. Williams, administrator of the estate of Harry A. Williams, versus Ernest T. Hoyt; on report.

Breast A. Goodwin, treasurer of the city of Biddeford, versus Hassen Neddy; exceptions by the defendant, Leroy Haley.

Eugene M. Johnson, et als, in equity, versus Moses Palmer, et als; agreed statement.

Edward B. Blaisdell, vs. the inhabitants of York; on report.

May E. Kelsea, petitioner for partition, versus Thomas L. Cleaves, et als; agreed statement.

Willard A. Kimball versus Ivory Davis; motion for new trial and exceptions by the defendant.

Frank D. Marshall versus the inhabitants of York; on report.

Daniel P. Shaw versus Mark Wormwood; motion for new trial by the defendant.

John C. Stewart, versus the inhabitants of York; on report.

Harry L. Hiley, et als, versus John K. Kelley; motion for new trial by the plaintiff.

Asa M. Seavey versus John P. Kelley; motion for new trial by the plaintiff.

Belle Goodale, versus Charles Wilson, et als; motion for new trial by the defendant.

Thomas T. Sidelinter, versus the York Shore Water Company; on report.

Blanche Spinnay versus Hanson M. Derrick; motion for new trial.

Harry Randall, versus Herbert C. Patch; agreed statement.

ARTIFICIAL ARMS LIKE REAL

London, Dec. 6.—A soldier recently gave a newspaper representative a remarkable demonstration of an artificial arm made by a private exhibitor at the Royal Academy. Instead of being strapped to the shoulder in the usual way, the arm is put on with the elbow and grip of the artificial hand are controlled by using the muscles of the thigh, acting through a loose steel connecting rod. The soldier swept the floor, used a hoe, lifted a bucket full of water on to a chair and held a piece of wood firmly on the table for carpentry purposes, all by means of the new limb.

DRAFTEES WANT TO ESTABLISH A FUND

Plan to Give Minstrel Show and Dance in This City for That Purpose.

The men who were drafted by the local board and who are still at Camp Devens want to establish a fund for themselves and are planning to conduct a minstrel show and dance in this city on December 31. Not all who went from here are at the camp but enough of them are left to present a good performance. They are sure to meet with success in this undertaking. The people would be glad to assist them in all parts of the district where they reside.

CITY OF HALIFAX IS IN RUINS

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paratus when the explosion occurred. The berth of the Canadian cruiser Niobe was near the scene of the explosion. Nothing has been reported as to whether the cruiser and members of its crew escaped injuries.

AMERICAN AVIATORS LOSE COMPASS, WAIT FOR SHIP

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 6.—Two American aviators who had lost their compass and their bearings during a flight in search of submarines from a station somewhere in Europe, were encountered at sea, 650 miles off the Irish coast by a steamship which arrived here today. The fliers started on the return trip to the station after being supplied with provisions and a new compass.

GERMANS USE POTATOES AS MUNITIONS

(By Associated Press) Amsterdam, Dec. 6.—One of the reasons for the small ration of potatoes given to the Germans when there is a large supply available, is that they are used for munitions. A letter in the Rheinische Westphalische Zeitung says one powder factory daily uses a large quantity of spirit production and consumes yearly, double the quantity Cologne delivers annually to its 650,000 inhabitants.

If the appropriation of \$498,000 recommended by the navy department for the local yard is approved by congress the local yard will be enlarged somewhat.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE ELECTS OFFICERS

At a stated communication of St. John's Lodge, No. 1, A. F. & M. held on Wednesday evening the following officers were elected:

Master, Scott Somerville.
Senior Warden, Reginald E. Goldsmith.
Junior Warden, Benjamin H. Roberts.
Treasurer, Fred C. Tucker.
Secretary, William B. Randall.
Representative to the Grand Lodge, George I. Grogan.
Members of the standing committee, Frank J. Philbrick and Horace W. Locklin.

SYSTEMATIZE PORTSMOUTH

Dr. M. I. Boger has been appointed city chairman of the Portsmouth Branch of the Woman's League of National Defense and is attempting to secure 50 volunteer workers that will assist in this excellent work.

The fact that the women of the country are expected to do at least

one-third of the work during the war is well realized here in this city. We have not failed to answer this call for a good cause before. Let those who can, assist in this work.

The duties of the new teams that are to be formed will be to act as representatives of the government in this city to carry out the orders sent here such as food conservation, requests for Red Cross work and similar orders that will soon begin to pour in to every city and town in the country.

It is the wish of Dr. Boger to systematize this city in order that any orders may be carried out in a few hours after they arrive here from Washington. This can only be done by volunteers offering their assistance and showing the country that they are willing to do their "bit."

All communication has been requested to be sent to Mrs. A. O. Shaw.

Dr. Boger announced today that there would be a meeting of the team captains at her home on Middle Street Saturday afternoon.

The officers of the local branch of the league are: Chairman, Dr. M. I. Boger; secretary, Mrs. A. O. Shaw; treasurer, Mrs. William Miskell; board of directors, Mrs. A. C. Heffenger, Mrs. D. W. Badger, Mrs. S. W. Emery, Jr., Mrs. S. M. Cohen, Mrs. L. H. Thayer and Miss Martha Kimball.

WANTED—Any lady desiring a good household assistant for small recompense please address Hanson's Employment Office, 5 East Street, Dover, N. H. he 45, 1w

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STORER POST G. A. R. ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

The annual meeting of the Storer Post, No. 1, G. A. R., was held on Wednesday evening and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Commander, Henry S. Paul.
Senior vice commander, W. H. Smith.
Junior vice commander, Joseph W. Marden.

Quartermaster, C. W. Hanscom.
Sergeant, Thomas Entwistle.
Officer of the day, J. W. Watkins.
Officer of the guard, Charles E. Steeper.

Trustees, Simon R. Marston, Nathan Whalley and Joseph Foster.
Auditors, David Ureh, Henry M. Tucker, and C. W. Whitehouse.

Past Historian, Joseph Foster.
Delegates to the Department Encampment, Thomas Entwistle and Henry M. Tucker.

Alternates, Joseph W. Berry, Edward D. Rand.
Col. Simon R. Marston who has been quartermaster for the past sixteen years declined a re-election and he was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid service.

An invitation was received from the Storer Relief Corps, to a Fellowship lunch at the Y. M. C. A. on Sunday evening at five o'clock, and it was accepted and the comrades urged to be present in uniform at the Y. M. C. A. at five o'clock.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

You are cordially invited to come and bring your friends to a Christmas sale, beginning Saturday, Dec. 8, and continuing to Monday, Dec. 21. Fancy bags and aprons a specialty. Sale to be held at 314 Islington street (near Cabot street).

MRS. ELLEN L. GODDARD.
MRS. PERCY W. CASWELL.

Read the Want Ads

EAGLES HOLD ANNUAL ELECTION

The annual meeting of the Mercedes Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, was held on Wednesday evening at their hall and the following officers elected.

Worthy President, John W. Dunn.
Worthy Vice President, Michael J. Lynch.

Worthy Chaplain, James Trefethen.
Worthy Secretary, Edward H. Welsh.
Worthy Treasurer, Andrew J. Barret.
Worthy Inside Guard, William Bray.
Worthy Outside Guard, J. McCann.
Worthy Trustees for three years, Harry Hanscom; two years, Louis Mitchell; one year, Joseph Sacco.
Worthy Physician, Dr. P. J. Kitteridge.
Worthy Organist, Edward Lamonde.

At the lunch which followed William Bray was the host in honor of the arrival of a young Eagle at his home.

PEOPLE YOU KNOW

Mrs. Georgiana Craig is visiting in Boston today.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Arthur Leary of Richards Avenue passed Wednesday in Boston.

Frank M. Bartlett of Lynnfield, Mass., has been visiting his father in this city.

Captain Thomas Burke of the police department is confined to his home with illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones Berry of Abiston are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son.

Mrs. James A. Rand of Miller Avenue has returned from a visit with her daughter in Boston.

Harry Colson of Pray Street is under treatment at the Portsmouth hospital for an infected foot.

John W. Bartlett of Lincoln Avenue has been restricted to his residence for a few days by illness.

John E. McKering, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward McKering who has been ill for a week has developed pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Yeaton have arrived in Boston from Kansas City, where they have taken an apartment on Audubon road.

Judge A. Chester Clark of the Concord municipal court passed Tuesday night in this city and was warmly greeted by old time friends.

Mrs. Mark E. Piper of Maplewood Avenue, who recently underwent a surgical operation at the Portsmouth hospital, is very much improved.

Miss Mabel Cameron, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan F. Ames of Hill Street, has returned to her home at Manchester-by-the-Sea.

Bernard E. Nelson, who has been employed by the New England Telephone Company, will conclude his duties this week to take a position at the Bath Iron Works.

Ex-Mayor Edward H. Adams is attending today the funeral of Mr. Alvin V. Spencer, late of Derwick, Me., for whom he worked some years ago in the undertaking business in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Owen Badger and son will arrive the first of the week from Colorado, where Mr. Badger has been employed. They will be the guests of his mother, Mrs. Joseph Badger of Lincoln Avenue.

Shirley Cunningham of Brooklyn, N. Y., is passing a few days in this city. Mr. Cunningham was for many years a resident of this city and held the position of Deputy Sheriff under the late Sheriff Edward D. Coffin.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the engagement of Miss Helen Jewell Woodsum of Amesbury, Mass., to Lieut. Sylvester Breed Buber U. S. A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Buber of Amesbury, Mass., formerly of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Arrington are visiting in Stratford. The male members of the party will enjoy a period of hunting during the visit and their friends are living in the expectation of an excellent feast on their arrival home.

Harry N. Harding left yesterday for Baltimore and Pittsburg on a business trip.

John K. Bates and wife have returned from a three days' visit in Boston.

TRUNKS FOUND FULL OF MAPS

Department of Justice Makes Important Raid in Hoboken, N. J.

New York, Dec. 6.—Several trunks filled with maps, documents and aero plans and torpedo models were seized by department of justice agents yesterday and after they had arrested Mrs. Anna Werner and Frederick Herwagen, Germans in a house in Hoboken known to the police as the "House of Mystery." Both were held as alien enemies. The house was conducted as a furnished room establishment by Mrs. Werner and is said to be within the 100 yards barred zone.

A letter found among the papers of a German, who formerly held an important position with a large financial house in New York, but who is now interned at Ellis Island, was made public today by Assistant U. S. District Attorney Knox. In part it said:

"Gentlemen, remember always—proudly waves the flag, black, white and red—and woe to the enemy who threatens it. What does it matter to us? To— with the yankee rabble. Do the cowardly dogs think they can lift their hands against our great, hard-struggling fatherland in its sorest hour of need? Let us now therefore, endure these humiliations silently with gnashing teeth but our hour will yet come. We or the younger generations will remember the Star Spangled Banner people too. Hock the Kaiser and the empire."

U. S. MAY SEND TROOPS TO ITALY

(By Associated Press)
Washington, Dec. 6.—The House committee's report on the war resolution declares that the United States will probably soon send troops into Italy.



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Matinee Every Day (2.30), Children 10 cents; Adults
20 cents. Evenings (8.15), 10, 20, 30 and 50 cents.

Positively no children in arms admitted.

Seats on Sale Friday.

SAW MRS. VARNEY NEAR KEYES HOUSE

(By Associated Press)
Dedham, Mass., Dec. 5.—Mrs. Adeline M. Rogers, a former neighbor of Mrs. Pauline Keyes, for whose death Mrs. Harriet Varney, is being tried here, today testified that she saw the defendant near the Keyes home on June 12, seven days before Mrs. Keyes was murdered.

Portsmouth now rests easy with the assertion by state fuel authorities that we have an ample supply for the winter if only we do our voluntary part in conservation and prevent waste.

SUGARLESS BREAD FOR SOLDIERS

(By Associated Press)
Ayer, Mass., Dec. 6.—Sugarless bread for the soldiers of Camp Devens will be the result of the order issued today to the bakers. They have been using five pounds of sugar for every 500 pounds of bread dough and the saving will be over 500 pounds a day. The bakers claim that the bread will be just as good.

Billious? Feel heavy after dinner? Bitter taste? Complexion sallow? Liver perhaps needs waking up. Dean's Bileglets for Billious attacks. 30c at all stores.

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RED CROSS BENEFIT

Colonial Theatre, Friday Afternoon, Dec. 7th

The Entire Gross Receipts of Afternoon Performance

A Splendid Bill of Vaudeville and Pictures

Vaudeville--3 Willie Bros., Sensational Ladder Act, Snow & Murray in Comedy, Cecile Trio

Pictures--House Peters in "Heir to the Ages," Keystone Comedy, Pathe Weekly

Time--2.15 P. M.

Prices--Adults 25c, Children 10c

GIGANTIC STRUGGLE TO BE ON TWO FRONTS

Germans Massing Great Bodies of Troops for Assault on Cambrai and Northern Italian Front

(By Associated Press)

While for the time, no infantry operations are progressing in any of the numerous battle fronts, indications are not wanting that show that at the Cambrai and the Northern Italian fronts will soon be engaged in another gigantic struggle.

While near Cambrai the British will be forced by a dangerous salient in their line to straighten their front somewhat apparently on the whole General Byng's forces will be able to give a good account of themselves and if the Germans advance it will be at the same terrible price they paid for the ground that they gained in the four days' fighting, a price that Germany can not stand in man power.

Likewise the menace on the Northern Italian front, of the Austria-Germans pouring down through the hilly country to the Venetian plains has been provided for, with the reinforcement of the British army.

ments of these points by the British and French troops with a great mass of artillery.

In Mesopotamia the British and Russian forces have carried out a successful operation against the Turks, but the location of this is not revealed in the announcements.

The allies' condemn as a "shameful statement," the report from Berlin and Vienna, that Roumania was negotiating for an armistice, but on the other hand both Berlin and Vienna reaffirm the statement, that the necessary negotiations are being carried on.

Submarines and mines were responsible for the sinking of 10 merchant ships of over 1000 tons, during the week compared with fourteen of last week, and only one of under 1000 was sunk as compared with seven of last week, according to a report of the weekly sinkings by the British admiralty.

The economic and financial condition of the country was never so strong and America's spirit was never more aroused to the importance and necessity of going forward resolutely and regardless of sacrifices, to the accomplishment of the great task to which God has called us.

"Loans actually made to foreign governments up to Nov. 1, 1917, total \$2,717,300,000, with a total credit agreed upon of \$3,131,400,000.

"America's gold monetary stock on hand Nov. 1 stood at \$3,041,600,000, an increase of \$174,500,000 in the past ten months.

"The grand total of estimated receipts for the fiscal year of 1918 is \$12,500,732,000.

Billion for Ship Board

"Expenditures for the civil establishment total \$1,693,569,900.

"War risk insurance costs are estimated at \$435,000,000, while the shipping board requires \$901,129,150, and the council of national defense \$500,000,000.

"The war department, including \$8,668,000,000 for war purposes, requires \$8,838,850,000; rivers and harbors, \$35,800,000, while the navy establishment requires a total of \$1,460,160,000, including \$1,300,000,000 for war purposes and \$250,000,000 for a new building program.

"For the fiscal year 1919 the grand total estimated receipts are \$5,175,000,450, while the disbursements include:

"Civil establishment, \$1,231,124,100; war department, \$9,948,032,000, including \$9,612,272,000 for war purposes and \$335,760,000 for rivers and harbors; navy department, \$1,460,160,000, including \$1,300,000,000 for war purposes and \$200,160,000 for a new building program.

"The shipping board costs for 1919 are placed at \$399,517,500 and the council of national defense at \$500,000,000.

YOUNG LAD SLEPT OUT UNTIL 1 O'CLOCK

An eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Hayward of Penhallow street gave his parents several uneasy hours last night. He failed to come home from school and during the evening his mother started a search for him, going to all of the lad's relatives and when near midnight no word was received, she called at the police station, heartbroken over the loss of the lad.

Officer Anderson, who is acting captain, detailed officer Knowles and shortly after one o'clock this morning he found the little chap, peacefully sleeping on his sled under the steps leading down into the gas house.

Fortunately the little fellow was warmly clothed and he apparently has suffered no ill effect from the exposure. He had been out coasting and had remained so late that he was afraid to go home and had crawled in under the steps.

EIGHT KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—Eight men were killed, two are missing and 25 were injured some of them fatally, today by an explosion in the "P. N. T." plant of the Aetna Chemical Company at Herdberg, a suburb.

The explosion did \$260,000 damage to the plant and broke windows for a radius of two miles. The cause of the explosion is not known. It occurred in the drying department in one of the eight 48,000 gallon tanks of Trinitrogonol which was being boiled.

Many of the injured owe their lives to Miss Grace Lyons a telephone operator who stood to her post in the wrecked plant and called hospital after hospital for aid.

ANOTHER PORTSMOUTH CASE

It Proves That There's A Way Out for Many Suffering Portsmouth Folks.

Just another report of a case in Portsmouth. Another typical case. Kidney ailments relieved in Portsmouth with Don's Kidney Pills.

Leslie Whitehouse, 36 Maplewood Ave., Portsmouth, says: "I was annoyed at times by a catch just over my kidneys. I felt so bad that I could hardly move about. There was a dull throbbing ache across the small of my back. The kidney secretions were profuse, highly colored and contained sediment like brick dust. A couple of boxes of Don's Kidney Pills procured at Phillips' Pharmacy, checked this disorder and up to the present time, I have felt no return of it." (Statement given June 27, 1917.)

Lasting Benefit

On October 20, 1915, Mr. Whitehouse said: "Don's Kidney Pills removed kidney disorders in my case so that I haven't had to use them but once in four years. I gladly confirm my past recommendation."

Price 50¢ at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Don's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Whitehouse has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

DEFENDS VATICAN'S NEUTRALITY

London, Dec. 5.—Cardinal Bourne, archbishop of Westminster, has communicated to the Morning Post a statement from Cardinal Gasparri, the papal secretary of state, answering the Post's accusation that the Vatican was unneutral and implicated in disruptive propaganda in Italy.

Cardinal Gasparri denounced the accusation as an "atrocious calumny," and said the hierarchy and clergy in Italy have given open and generous help to their country's cause and have received praise from the Italian Parliament and government.

The cardinal adds that long before the issuance of the Papal peace note, which was said to have been among the chief causes of the Italian army's lowered morale, the clergy generally, and the army chaplains particularly, were laboring against the destructive propaganda which was reported then to be giving unrest to the civil authorities.

Cardinal Gasparri declared, "is pained and indignant at the Post's charges, and regards them as insulting."

Referring to the accusation that the Vatican espoused the Austrian cause, Cardinal Gasparri reaffirmed the full and correct neutrality of the Holy See. He added:

"If some nations seem to be more favored by the papal note, these certainly were not Germany and Austria-Hungary, but the entente, particularly France and Belgium. The peace aimed at was not a German peace."

Cardinal Bourne told the Post that Pope Benedict had been urged by each side to break with the governments of the other side, throwing confusion into the religious life, no worse precious than ever before, of millions of families, and punishing the people for the mistakes or misdeeds of their leaders.

Post Renews "Insult"

"The Supreme Pontiff," he concluded, "does not depend for instruction upon those who long before the war worked to diminish the authority which they are now invoking, nor does the Holy See shape its action by the flickering lights of human praise or blame."

The Post, in an editorial article extolling Cardinal Gasparri's statement, virtually reiterated its original accusation and cited incidents which it regarded as proof.

RUSSIAN SITUATION IS UNIQUE

London, Dec. 5.—The situation in Russia is unique in history, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, but it is not yet advisable to attempt to raise the curtain upon the "mysteries of the tragic-comic drama."

The correspondent insists that "Russia will right herself if generously allowed the necessary latitude by the puzzled allies, and next spring it will put new armies in the field to fight the invader with the success that marked the Russian efforts earlier in the war."

"In the meantime," he adds, "the situation is extremely curious. Some force that is above or beyond all the contending parties is putting the spokes into the wheels of all of them."

The correspondent instances the various interferences with the administration without, however, elucidating his suggestion.

The military revolutionary committee in Petrograd, according to a Reuters dispatch from the Russian capital, has ordered the internment at Kronstadt of all those that signed the manifesto issued Sunday in the name of the provisional government. The signers, however, all have left Petrograd and their whereabouts have not been discovered.

Gen. Orloff, the former commander-in-chief who escaped from the Bolsheviks at Mohilev, was accompanied by 400 Caucasian troops. He was at Oshka, north of Mollay, on Monday.

SUGAR OUTLOOK IS BRIGHTER

Boston, Dec. 5.—Additional relief in the sugar shortage was reported today. Consignments drawn from the huge stock of sugar that has been held in New York for the Russian government are on their way to Boston. These, together with possible additional shipments within the next few days, spell a substantial help in the situation.

The vanguard of the raw beet sugar supply is expected to arrive in Boston in about 10 days, despite recent reports that Boston and New England might

be left to go a-begging for this stock. Today's receipts comprised 210,000 pounds of raw sugar and 60,000 pounds of refined, all by rail. Meanwhile the American sugar refinery is busy at work refining the 9,000,000 pounds of Louisiana sugar which arrived three days ago.

Winthrop C. Adams, of Haskell, Adams & Co., a leading Boston wholesale grocery concern, today declared the sugar outlook was brighter than for many weeks. His and other concerns will begin receiving sugar from the American Sugar Refinery by Friday, he declares, and the distribution to the retailers will commence at once, he said.

GIRLS SET NEW RECORDS IN FACTORIES

(By Associated Press)

London, Dec. 5.—The war girl is again setting new records in a factory near the east end of London. Here, however, it is not shells but boots which she is turning out. It is more like a surgery for boots than a factory because within forty minutes, a pair of boots, from Flanders thick with mud and hardly recognizable, are completely restored to strength and to soundness.

The boots are scrubbed in warm water, dressed with castor oil, the heel and tap is stripped off, then the outer skin of the upper part is taken off with a machine invented during the war. The sole and heel are renewed, the whole blocked into shape and finally retanned, polished and made ready for use again in the army; all in forty minutes.

About 300 girls are working in this boot hospital.

OUR LOANS TO OTHER NATIONS

The United States has loaned to other nations engaged in war with Germany something over three billion dollars, taking for the sums advanced the obligations of such nations, bearing the same interest and maturing at the same time as the Liberty Bonds.

The wisdom of this policy is beyond question. By strengthening these nations and making them as powerful and as effective as possible we are greatly aiding in the shortening of the struggle; we are doing much to insure an ultimate victory; we are doing only that which is our duty to do toward our allies in this tremendous war against an autocracy which would debase and enslave all nations and men.

The fact that if we did not advance this money much of the work which the allies are doing would have to be done with American money and American men establishes clearly the intelligence and wisdom of our policy.

There is work to be done which requires the expenditure of blood and treasure. In making these money advances to Great Britain, France, Italy and other nations we are lending the money which will be returned to us, instead of expending sums possibly as great, possibly greater, with no hope of return. In addition we are saving the lives of the American soldiers.

No policy the American government has pursued is wiser or more truly economical and patriotic.

MORE SHIP CONTRACTS LET

(By Associated Press)

Washington, Dec. 5.—Contracts for the construction of twelve 8500-ton steel cargo ships were let by the Shipping Board today to Charles W. Morse, to be built at his plant recently purchased. Two more vessels let out by the Shipping Board were completed one of 10,000 tons, on an Atlantic port and one 3500 tons on the Lake.

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Steaks and Chops. Oysters on Half Shell. Tables reserved for ladies. LOUIS COUSHOULIS, Prop.

CALLING BOYS OF 16 AND 17 TO GERMAN ARMY

(By Associated Press)

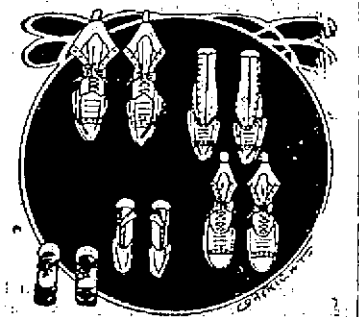
Amsterdam, Dec. 5.—Indications that Germany will soon call boys of 16 and 17 years of age for services in the army is apparent from the order in the Essen General Anzeiger, that all boys of that age join the juvenile corps. The paper says that this great struggle makes it necessary that those who are that age will soon be called.

NOTICE



Registrars of Voters of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

The Board of Registrars will be in session at City Hall on the following dates: Tuesday, Nov. 27; Tuesday, Dec. 4; and Wednesday, Dec. 5, 1917, from 9 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p. m., to prepare the check lists to be used at the coming election, Dec. 11, 1917. Also on election day from 8 to 12 a. m. for the purpose of granting certificates to those legal voters whose names have been omitted from the list. RALPH C. GRAY, Chairman. FRED T. HARTSON, Clerk.



BIG AND LITTLE

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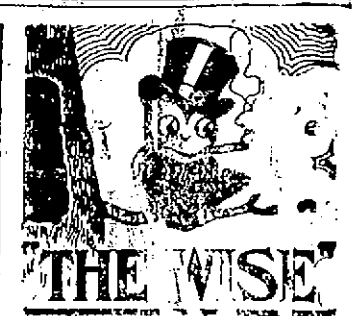
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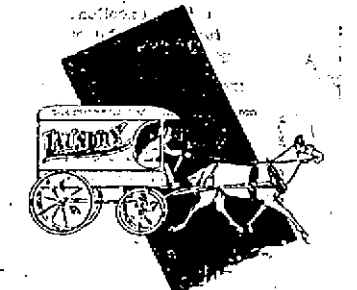
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BILLIONS WANTED FOR THE WAR FUNDS

Washington, Dec. 5.—War costs to the end of June, 1918—exclusive of loans to foreign governments—will reach the enormous total of more than \$28,000,000,000, according to estimates sent to Congress today by Secretary of Treasury McAdoo.

Ordinary expenditures for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, will amount to \$12,316,295,223, of which \$11,527,709,023 will be fed directly into the war machine.

Estimated expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919, mount upward to \$12,701,838,980, out of which \$11,008,880,500 will be for prosecution of the war.

San "Business as Usual" These staggering figures go side by side with a warning to the nation that

If you want a Ford car next spring buy it now. There is bound to be a shortage of cars before long and the man who buys now and stores his car away shows good business judgment. Don't rest content with the fact that you have money enough to buy one when you want it because if you delay too long you will be sadly disappointed. In New York today the dealers from the southern states are buying Fords at the list price and shipping them home and reselling them at prices from \$75 to \$100 above the market price. We will store your car for the winter free of charge if you buy now.

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North Church, Sunday, 7.30 P. M.Speaker—**PRESIDENT J. D. BROWNELL**, of Northland College.

Subject—"Splinters from the Northland—Hickory not Basswood."

MUSICAL FOR SCHOOL BENEFIT

The recital at the Assembly Hall of the high school Thursday evening for the benefit of the Whipple Home and School association promises to be a considerable musical treat.

The artists are Lieut. Thomas Mott Osborne, a pianist of merit, who, while seldom appearing in public, is a finished player. Mr. Peter Kutz is one of the best known violinists in the New York state and the program arranged is excellent. It is:

- Martha Phantasia.....Flotow
3 Old Dances
a. Bourree.....Bach
b. Minuet.....Beethoven
c. Gavotte.....Thomas
3 National Dances
a. Polish.....Scharwenka
b. Spanish.....Moskowsky
c. Hungarian.....Brahms
3 Cradle Songs
a. Bohemian.....Hauser
b. Norwegian.....Grieg
c. Austrian "Surprise Symphony".....Haydn
3 Serenades
a. Spanish "La Paloma".....Yradier
b. Austrian.....Schubert
c. French.....Pierne
Adagio from Scotch Symphony.....Mendelssohn
Waltz, "Wiener Blut".....Strauss

GRAFFORT CLUB PRESENTS FINE ENTERTAINMENT

Mr. Philadelph Rice, a well known reader of high rank gave a most enjoyable recital on "Great Expectations," on Wednesday afternoon at Pierce hall before a large and appreciative audience. His impersonations were particularly well done and showed powerful dramatic ability. The Graffort club feels greatly pleased to have been able to offer to its members and the public such a versatile and delightful reader in the place of Mr. Frank Speight who was unable to appear because of being called to service in the ammunition factories of London, England. Miss Smith spoke briefly on the Y. W. C. U. drive and its object, before the readings by Mr. Rice.

COLONIAL THEATRE PRESENTS A SPECTACULAR BILL ON THE USUAL CHANGE OF PROGRAM TODAY

Seldom is such a pleasing show of both vaudeville and pictures offered on one bill as we find being presented.

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- And many others at special reductions.
Neck Ties, regular 25c; now...19c
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THE CIVIC ASSO. SAYS IT WAS NOT A POLITICAL MOVE

Notes Developments Since Recent Letter to Mayor; Charges Not Inspired by Certain Members of Organization.

Since the recent communication from the members of the Portsmouth Civic Association concerning the moving pictures and theatre situation in Portsmouth, the Association notes the following developments which are made known in the communication made public today:

Dec. 6, 1917.

To the Editor of The Herald:

1. Mayor Ladd has cautioned the Allied Theatre Company about the character of the posters advertising the plays.

2. He has seen the film "The Idolaters," produced at the Olympia Theatre Nov. 9 and 10, found it objectionable and so notified the company.

3. He has instructed the Allied Theatre Company not to exhibit in the future any films featuring Louise Glaum, who appeared in "The Idolaters."

4. He proposes to enforce in the future standards set by the Foodrick Commission, which is the government commission working to establish wholesome moral and social conditions in the communities surrounding military and naval training centres.

An attempt was made to divert us from our purpose by attacks on our good faith and by charges that our action was inspired by one of our number and her husband, and was prompted by political hostility to Col. John H. Bartlett. These charges were not true. Our interest has been solely to improve moral conditions here in Portsmouth, and the results so far accomplished as evidenced by the facts set forth in this letter, seem to us to justify the method which we adopted to bring about the desired result.

Martha Isabel Beger.

Helen R. Thayer.

May P. Stanley.

Martha S. Kimball.

Elizabeth P. Conner.

Mary I. Wood.

Alice S. Mildram.

Mabel S. Locke.

Carrie A. Hall.

Mary P. Ingalls.

THE HERALD HEARS

That one of the local banks is said to be planning for additional room in the rear of the present location.

That President Wilson's last war message contained 4000 words.

That the rag man is casting eyes at some of the flags about town.

That the linemen in the coast guard service have appeared in uniform and carry the rating of chief electrician.

That one of Portsmouth's tenorist artists recently displayed some modern Sampson stuff.

That this barber claims it all happened on the Sagamore bridge.

That he battled three marines at one time and they all took the count.

That he wound up the single handed contest by simply tossing the three big sea soldiers over the bridge rail into the river.

That he doesn't know whether they have turned up or not to Uncle Sam's quarters.

That he came out of the scrap without even a scratch.

That he could have handled one or two more marines had they been in the mixup.

That it seems that the Barber's Union would be lacking in its duties in not publicly recognizing this hero and knight of the razor.

That he certainly is in order for all the honor due him and the union should hurry up that iron cross.

That he should be made to accept this mark of gallantry in public and add it to the numerous other badges and medals that ornament his manly breast.

That the man with the phony check continues to find a few easy victims in this city.

That it looks like Water street for the voters of Ward Five on Tuesday next.

That one of the local manufacturing firms is said to have a new schedule for increase of pay for its employees.

That a city hall employee tendered a banquet to a party of local friends today.

That the banquet was a most sumptuous and enjoyable one.

That the guests of this city hall employee are at a loss to know the reason for the unexpected eats.

That the host refuses to explain and the guests have decided that it was either a birthday or a political move.

That the dinner baskets and pails are still being inspected at night when workmen are leaving the navy yard.

A CORRECTION AS TO MEDAL OF HONOR.

The article published in your issue

of Dec. 4th relative to John F. Flynn, late Chief Master-at-Arms, U. S. N., is in error.

Flynn was one of the most loveable chaps I have ever served with and am sure were he alive that he would not want to be placed in a position of claiming or having his friends claim anything not his due.

The article referred to states that Flynn was a medal of honor man and that he was on the Brooklyn at the battle of Santiago. Flynn did not have a medal of honor and was not on the Brooklyn at the Santiago fight. He joined the Brooklyn some time after that famous engagement. Flynn was the possessor of a number of service medals which his excellent service entitled him to.

W. L. HILL, U. S. N.

LOCAL DASHES

Silent Four, Freeman's annex Dec. 13. Flat of all kinds at Clark's Branch. Tel. 133.

The weather man says that snow is not far away.

The F. C. B. club will hold a whist party tonight in the club rooms.

Nineteen more days before Christmas with only sixteen shopping days.

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Tomorrow the Red Cross entertainment takes place at the Colonial Theatre.

There is some consolation in having officials promise normal sugar conditions.

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A big sensation, Boston's best dance music. A "Jazz Band" that really jazes. Freeman's hall, Dec. 13.

The sugar shortage has hit Camp Devens. Today the bakers there will make the first sugarless bread.

The Board of Advisors for the Home for Aged Women will meet at the home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Kolcher trucks, C. M. Woods, Bow street.

Portland has over a foot of snow and on the ground, and with the temperature considerably lower than we have here.

A New York statement of today says about over 600,000,000 Christmas packages have been sent to the boys at the front.

A wealthy German was arrested in Boston yesterday for violations of the enemy acts. Money makes no difference with Uncle Sam.

Boxing is now one of the main sources of entertainment at Camp Devens. Now our Portsmouth boys will have two chances to fight.

Dr. M. I. Beger is attempting to recruit an army of 50 volunteer women that will act as government representatives here in Portsmouth.

Everybody plans to use Xmas cards more extensively than ever this year. You will find just what you specially want at Montgomery's. h 55, 2t

ELLIS SPRY ON HIS 93D BIRTHDAY

Takes Great Interest About the Beach Which He Helped to Develop.

On Wednesday, Hazen Z. Ellis, the oldest man in York county, celebrated his 93d birthday at York Beach. Very few men of his years are as well preserved and active. He takes a keen interest in all matters pertaining to York Beach, which he has been largely instrumental in developing.

MAN FALLS FROM LADDER AT GAS PLANT

Has Compound Fracture of Right Arm.

John Pello of Cornwall street, employed at the plant of the Portsmouth Gas Company, fell from a ladder at the works on Bow street on Wednesday and sustained a compound fracture of the right arm. He was removed to the Portsmouth hospital for treatment.

OBITUARY

Miss Elizabeth E. Nutter.

At Byfield, Mass., on Tuesday, occurred the death of Miss Elizabeth E. Nutter, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John H. Nutter, natives of this city. Deceased was 24 years of age and a most lovable young lady. For some time she has held the position as teacher of domestic science in the schools of Ipswich and was highly respected and esteemed in that town by her pupils and citizens. Her mother's death occurred a year ago. She is survived by one brother, W. H. Nutter, the well known war writer whose nom de plume is "Haliday Weatherpoon"; a grandmother, Mrs. John W. Lear, and an aunt, Mrs. A. L. Hunt of Beverly.

LEAVING FOR FRANCE SOON

A. C. Estey, who was at the head of the War Work of the Y. M. C. A. in this territory, sails for France the coming week. A. D. Knight, who was stationed at Fort Constitution, also sails on the same steamer. Their many friends here will wish them the best of luck.

COMING CHANGES AT THE Y. M. C. A.

Secretary William M. Forgrave of the Y. M. C. A. will be in France within a month. He has received preparatory orders and will get away very shortly. A permanent local secretary will be appointed for the local Y. M. C. A. work.

PHILBRICK HEADS ROCKINGHAM POMONA

At its annual meeting at Exeter on Wednesday, East Rockingham Pomona Grange elected the following: Fred B. Philbrick of Newmarket, master; Henry M. Prescott of Kingston, overseer; Mrs. Ruth B. Drake of Rye lecturer; Augustus Nent of Newfields, steward.

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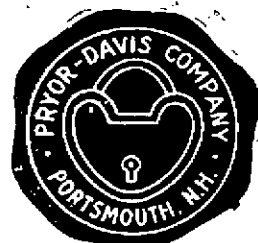
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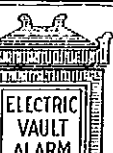
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